IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same number:

1. – **37.** (Canceled)

38. (Currently Amended) A method for <u>controlling access to and</u> tracking the routing of an electronic document, comprising:

embedding a control mark, including a unique identifier and a check sum for authenticating the unique identifier, within a static section within an electronic document <u>created by a document word processor</u>, wherein the static section and the control mark remain unchanged however the electronic document is edited <u>cannot be changed or removed</u> by [[a]] the document word processor; and

monitoring transmitted network packets, for detection of network packets containing the electronic document, based on the unique identifier control mark, in order to limit block access [[of]] to the electronic document to authorized from unauthorized recipients.

- **39.** (Previously Presented) The method of claim **38** further comprising logging an audit record of the transmission, when a network packet containing the electronic document is detected by said monitoring, wherein the audit record stores information identifying a distribution route of the electronic document.
- **40.** (Original) The method of claim **39** wherein said logging includes logging a date and time of the transmission in the audit record.

- **41.** (Original) The method of claim **39** wherein said logging includes logging a destination of the transmission in the audit record.
- **42.** (Previously Presented) The method of claim **38** wherein said monitoring monitors network packets transmitted internally within an organization network.
- **43.** (Previously Presented) The method of claim **38** wherein said monitoring monitors network packets transmitted from within an organization network to outside of the organization network.
- **44.** (Previously Presented) The method of claim **38** wherein said monitoring monitors network packets transmitted to an organization network from outside of the organization network.
- **45.** (Original) The method of claim **38** wherein the network packets are transmitted in response to an FTP download.
- **46.** (Original) The method of claim **38** wherein the network packets are transmitted in response to an HTTP download.
- **47.** (Original) The method of claim **38** wherein the network packets are transmitted in response to an Instant Messenger download.
- **48.** (Currently Amended) A system for <u>controlling access to and</u> tracking the routing of an electronic document, the system comprising one or more tangible computer readable media collectively storing instructions encoding:

an auto-marking module for embedding a control mark, including a unique identifier and a check sum for authenticating the unique identifier, within a static section within an electronic document created by a document word processor, wherein the static section and the control mark remain unchanged however the electronic document is edited cannot be changed or removed by [[a]] the document word processor; and

a traffic monitor for monitoring transmitted network packets, and for detection of network packets containing the electronic document, based on the <u>unique identifier control mark</u>, in order to <u>limit block</u> access [[of]] <u>to</u> the electronic document <u>to authorized from unauthorized recipients</u>.

- **49.** (Previously Presented) The system of claim **48** wherein the one or more media further store instructions encoding an auditor for logging transmission information in an audit record when a network packet containing the electronic document is detected by said traffic monitor, wherein the audit record stores information identifying a distribution route of the electronic document.
- **50.** (Previously Presented) The system of claim **49** wherein said auditor logs a date and time of the network packet's transmission in the audit record.
- **51.** (Previously Presented) The system of claim **49** wherein said auditor logs a destination for the network packet in the audit record.

- **52.** (Previously Presented) The system of claim **48** wherein said traffic monitor monitors network packets transmitted internally within an organization network.
- **53.** (Previously Presented) The system of claim **48** wherein said traffic monitor monitors network packets transmitted from within an organization network to outside of the organization network.
- **54.** (Previously Presented) The system of claim **48** wherein said traffic monitor monitors network packets transmitted to an organization network from outside of the organization network.
- **55.** (Original) The system of claim **48** wherein the network packets are transmitted in response to an FTP download.
- **56.** (Original) The system of claim **48** wherein the network packets are transmitted in response to an HTTP download.
- **57.** (Original) The system of claim **48** wherein the network packets are transmitted in response to an Instant Messenger download.
- **58. 90.** (Canceled)